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U.S. MILITARY FOL HOSTS CURACAO **YOUTH AIR BRIGADE**

On March 30th the U.S. Forward Operating Location (USFOL) in Curacao sponsored a tour of their facility for the Youth Air Brigade. 30+ cadets and leaders were given clearance to tour the facility, receive a mission briefing, tour two different aircraft (E-3 AWACS, KC-135 tanker), and one of the fire trucks. USFOL flight crew members were on hand to answer the many questions offered up by the cadets. One cadet in the mission brief asked, "Is it possible for one of us to ever fly those planes?" The commander, Lt. Col. Mike Price said, "I am not sure but there is a program whereby foreign nationals can enter the U.S. military as enlisted members and then apply for US citizenship but you would have to check if that applies to Dutch citizens." All in all it was a banner day with bridges built and reestablished between the USFOL and the Curacao Youth Air Brigade. The excitement and passion for aviation was quite obvious on every cadet's face as they experienced the tour in awesome wonder. Youth Air Brigade leader Sherwin Gerard was very grateful for this opportunity for his cadets and commented, "This tour has meant so much to us and we have wanted this type of relationship with the USFOL for quite a while. Thanks for making the effort to invite us here today and making this contribution to the lives of these cadets." The USFOL plans to continue to offer these tours periodically to cadets in the future.

TRANSLATION **FOL MERIKANO TA RISIBI E BRIGADA** **AERIO JUVENIL DI KORSOW**

Dia 30 di Mart e militárnan Merikáno di FOL na Korsow a sponser un tour na nan base pa e Brigada Aéreo Juvenil di Korsow. Mas ku 30 kadéte i lídernan a risibí permít pa tour e base militár, nan a tour den diferente aviónan (E-3 AWACS, KC-135 Tanker) i den un di e trucknan di brandweer. Miembronan di tripulashón di e base FOL tabata presente pa kontestá e kantidad di pregúntanan di e kadétenan. Un kadéte di e tour a puntra, "Ta posibel ku un di nos algun dia lo por búa e aviónan aki?" E Komandánte, Teniente Koronél Mike Price a bisa, "Mi

no ta sigúr, pero tin un prográma kaminda siudadánonan extranjero por drenta e ejérso Merikano como miembroran reklutá i despues por apliká pa siudadanía Merikano, pero, bo tin ku puntra si esaki ta posibel pa yuinan di Korsow." Di tur manera, e dia tabata un eksitóso kaminda brugnan a wordu konstruí i reestablesé entre e militarnan merikano di FOL i e Brigada Aéreo Juvenil di Korsow. E entusiasmo i e pashón pa aviašón tabata bastante kla riba kara di kada kadéte mientras nan tabata experenshá e tour impreshoná. E líder di e Brigada Aéreo Juvenil Sherwin Gerard tabata hopi agradesí pa e oportunidad aki pa su kadétenan i a komentá, "E tour aki a nifiká hópi pa nos i nos tabata ke e tipo di relashón aki ku e militárnán Merikano di FOL pa basta tempu kaba. Danki pa hasi e esfuerzo di invita nos aki awe i pa hasi e kontribushón aki den bida di e kadétenan." E militarnan di FOL tin plan pa ofresé e tournan aki periódicamente nan kadétenan den futuro.

The U.S. FOL, 429th Expeditionary Operations Squadron, supports multinational aircraft operations that conduct detection, monitoring and tracking missions supporting counter-drug efforts in the region. USFOL Curaçao was formed as a result of an agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States whereby aircraft and crews deploy to the USFOL on a temporary basis to conduct mission operations. USFOL military and civilian personnel often volunteer their services in support of community projects and are pleased to partner with local agencies in reaching out to the people of Curaçao.

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